

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8884  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
CINCPAC  
3TFW CLARK AB PI/CC/MAE

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0038

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI PAID LA  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF EOD TEAM

REF: 3TFW CLARK AB PI/CC/MAE 100515Z JAN 78

1. THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM IS A REQUEST FOR BLANKET  
AREA CLEARANCE FROM CINCPAC FOR A VISIT TO LAOS (AMONG  
OTHER PLACES) BY THE PACAF EMERGENCY EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE  
DISPOSAL TEAM.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE LAO HAVE EXPRESSED  
INTEREST IN THE PAST IN EOD ACTIVITY IN LAOS. HOWEVER,  
ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER HAS BEEN HELD  
IN ABEYANCE PENDING LEGAL AND POLICY DETERMINATIONS  
THAT SUCH ACTIVITY WOULD BE POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE.

3. UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE U.S. POSITION  
WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ACTIVITY IN LAOS, WE DO NOT RPT  
NOT THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR A VISIT TO  
VIENTIANE BY THE TEAM. THE LAO WOULD PROBABLY NOT  
GRANT VISAS, OR WOULD DO SO ONLY IN THE EXPECTATION  
THAT A LARGE EOD PROGRAM WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

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4. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEND AN  
OFFICER TO TALK WITH THE TEAM IF IT SHOULD, FOR  
EXAMPLE, COME TO BANGKOK. SUCH A MEETING WOULD GIVE US  
A BETTER IDEA OF US EOD CAPABILITIES WITHIN THE REGION  
AND WOULD ENABLE US TO DEAL MORE KNOWLEDGEABLY WITH  
ANY POSSIBLE FEELERS FROM THE LAO.

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